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IN CONSIDERING AID GRANT TO AAFLI FOR WORKER EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THAILAND, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING POLITICAL ASSESSMENT OF ADVISABILITY OF USG FINANCING AAFLI PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THAILAND RELATING TO US PRESENCE. AID FINANCING WOULD BE MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD AND WE WOULD CONFIRM IF QUESTION OF USG/AAFLI RELATIONSHIP WERE RAISED BY THAIS. PARENTHETICALLY, WE NOTE THAT RTG LABOR DEPT, WORKERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY STAFF HAVE ALL REQUESTED THAT AAFLI BEGIN PROGRAM IN THAILAND (PARA 12 REF B) AND THAT PALADINO PLANS SEND AAFLI REP TO BANGKOK IN FEBRUARY TO BEGIN PROGRAM (PARA 9 REF A).
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